

**MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2006**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historical Design Review Commission was called to order on December 5, 2006 at 6:02 p.m. by Chrm. Thompson in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Kosla, Merz, Smith, Worthington, Briggs,  
Elder, Kidd, Chrm. Thompson

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT** Will Wong, Community Development  
Director; Reg Murray, Senior Planner; Sue  
Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. Historic Design Review – 944 Lincoln Way (Hanami Sushi) – File HDR 06-30** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for one wall mounted sign advertising Hanami Sushi at 944 Lincoln Way.

Planner Murray gave the staff report. The applicant is proposing a wall sign for a new restaurant in the downtown area. Examples of the backing board and letters were passed to the Commissioners. The proposed letters are plastic. Currently the design guidelines do

not allow for plastic letters, however this was changed by City Council due to the appeal by the Methodist church and plastic lettering is now allowed. The applicant brought these samples to staff after the Planning Commission packets were completed. Staff feels the proposed letters can be improved upon, and recommends an amendment to the condition of approval to require that the letters have more depth. The applicant is agreeable to this change.

Comm. Merz stated that it is his understanding that the change to the guidelines would require some type of high standard for the plastic lettering that would be allowed. He asked staff if they are aware of what that standard is.

Planner Murray replied that at this point it is unknown what that standard will be. The idea is to have a higher quality plastic letter.

Comm. Kosla asked if other signs in the community have a more substantial background than what is being proposed.

Planner Murray pointed out examples of buildings in the area of the proposed sign. He gave the example of the pawn broker's sign as one that is in keeping with the recommended lettering.

Comm. Kidd asked if staff is requesting that the letters be made of a thicker plastic or to have a higher grade plastic mounted on top of letters that are made of wood.

Planner Murray said it would be a thicker plastic letter, double or triple the thickness of the example that was provided.

The applicant's agent, Teddy Yue of 2412 Camino Gardens Way in Carmichael came to the podium.

Comm. Worthington asked if the applicant is willing to change the lettering.

Mr. Yue said, yes they are willing to change.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Smith stated that he is not in favor of the color of the sign since it does not match the awning. Comm. Briggs agreed.

Comm. Merz stated that he would be more inclined to be in favor of this proposal if the wording in the ordinance for plastic lettering was already completed.

Comm. Kosla mentioned that if the applicant complies with the existing ordinance, there would be no problem.

Planner Murray stated that he has spoken with the applicant, and they are willing to make the sign with a wood or a metal letter, and to make it a color that would match the awning.

Comm. Worthington **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-24, with the modification that the lettering will be wood or metal, the lettering color will be modified to maroon to match the awning color, the letters will be attached to the brick façade or attached to a metal raceway, and the raceway will be painted to blend with the color of the brick wall.

Comm. Kidd **SECONDED**.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Worthington, Briggs, Elder,  
Kidd, Chrm. Thompson  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

**ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

**A. City Council Meetings**

None.

**B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings**

There will be an HDRC meeting on December 19, 2006.

**A. Reports**

None.

**ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant